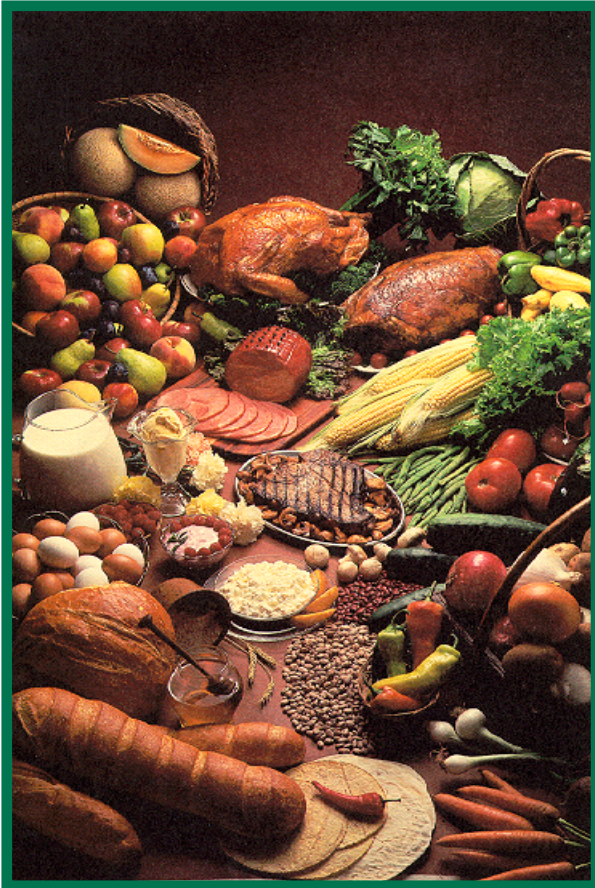


Colorado Agriculture from to



Each year, Colorado produces fresh, high quality products for millions of Colorado residents as well as consumers nationally and internationally. Here are just a few items grown and raised in the Centennial State:

Alfalfa Hay ▶ Alligators
 ▶ Anasazi Beans ▶
 Apples ▶ Apricots ▶
 Barley ▶ Bell Peppers ▶
 Bison ▶ Broccoli ▶
 Cabbage ▶ Canola ▶
 Cantaloupe ▶ Carrots ▶
 Cashmere ▶ Cattle ▶
 Cauliflower ▶ Cherries
 ▶ Chickens ▶ Chili
 Peppers ▶ Christmas
 Trees ▶ Corn ▶
 Cucumbers ▶ Dry Beans
 ▶ Eggs ▶ Elk ▶ Emu ▶
 Flowers ▶ Garlic ▶ Goat
 Cheese ▶ Herbs ▶ Hogs

▶ Honey ▶ Horses ▶ Jalapeno Peppers ▶ Kabocha Squash ▶ Kale ▶
 Lambs ▶ Lettuce ▶ Milk ▶ Milo ▶ Mushrooms ▶ Nectarines ▶ Oats ▶
 Okra ▶ Onions ▶ Ostrich ▶ Peaches ▶ Pears ▶ Pinto Beans ▶ Plums ▶
 Potatoes ▶ Pumpkins ▶ Quinoa ▶ Rhubarb ▶ Seed ▶ Sheep ▶ Sod ▶
 Sorghum ▶ Spinach ▶ Squash ▶ Striped Bass ▶ Sugar Beets ▶
 Sunflowers ▶ Tilapia ▶ Tomatoes ▶ Trout ▶ Ungulates ▶ Vegetables ▶
 Watermelons ▶ Wheat ▶ Wine ▶ Wool ▶ Xeriscape Plants ▶ Yaks

Quick Facts About Colorado Agriculture

- ▲ There are 36,200 farms in the state encompassing nearly 32 million acres.
- ▲ Colorado's farm cash receipts for 2009 totaled \$5.5 billion. Livestock products accounted for 60%.
- ▲ Agriculture continues to be a vital part of Colorado's future, providing more than 108,000 jobs and contributing nearly \$20 billion to the state's economy annually.
- ▲ Colorado farmers and ranchers help to feed the world, exporting \$1 billion in products. Mexico, Canada, Japan and Taiwan receive the largest share of Colorado food products.
- ▲ The array of products grown in Colorado is staggering. Farmers have diversified to grow grapes, oats, sunflowers, mushrooms and Anasazi beans.
- ▲ Ranchers also have diversified to raise fish (aquaculture), bison, ostrich, elk and emu.

Colorado's Top 10 Farm and Ranch Products for 2009

#	Commodity	Cash receipts in millions
1.	Cattle and Calves	2,605
2.	Corn, grain	505
3.	Wheat	412
4.	Hay	409
5.	Dairy Products	359
6.	Greenhouse/Nursery	276
7.	Potatoes	172
8.	Hogs	138
9.	Sheep and Lambs	98
10.	Poultry/Eggs	77



Top 10 Ag Counties in Colorado

Market Value of Ag Products Sold
(Dollars in Millions)

- 1. Weld** **1,539**
Cattle, dairy products, poultry, wheat, corn, nursery products, sheep, hay, vegetables
- 2. Yuma** **711**
Cattle, corn, wheat, hay, dry beans, hogs
- 3. Morgan** **494**
Cattle, wheat, corn, proso millet, hay
- 4. Logan** **442**
Cattle, wheat, corn, hay, proso millet
- 5. Kit Carson** **337**
Cattle, wheat, corn, proso millet, sunflowers
- 6. Prowers** **263**
Cattle, wheat, hay, corn, sorghum
- 7. Adams** **153**
Nursery products, proso millet, sunflowers
- 8. Phillips** **143**
Wheat, corn, proso millet
- 9. Washington** **130**
Wheat, proso millet, corn, cattle, hay
- 10. Larimer** **128**
Dairy products, cattle, nursery products, wheat, corn, hay, vegetables

When people think of  Colorado, outdoor fun in the Rocky Mountains is what usually comes to mind. Think again. Nearly half of Colorado's 66 million acres are farms and ranches, and Colorado agribusinesses contribute about \$20 billion to Colorado's economy.



Hungry for a juicy steak? Colorado has plenty. With more than 12,000 beef producers, the cattle industry is the largest ag sector in the state, bringing in \$2.6 billion in cash receipts.

Love a baked potato with your steak or french fries with your leg of lamb? Ranked fourth nationally in production of potatoes, Colorado produces over two billion pounds of potatoes annually.



Having veggies or salad for dinner? Colorado ranks sixth in onion production and seventh in sweet corn production and is one of the nation's top lettuce producers.



Need something to quench your thirst? Annual production of nine million bushels of barley helps make Colorado the top beer producing state in the nation. The state is also home to nearly 100 licensed wineries. Cheers!

Colorado agriculture is more than just food. Farmers and ranchers help create products in construction, manufacturing, health care, education, transportation and personal care.

- ▲ X-ray film ▲ Bandages ▲ Crayons
- ▲ Paper ▲ Piano Keys ▲ Footballs
- ▲ Shoes ▲ Plastics ▲ Tires
- ▲ Soaps ▲ Insulation ▲ Perfume

Agriculture also helps feed the nation and the world, provides wildlife habitat, protects the environment and fuels the state economy.



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